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ELIZABETH CITY FAIR CAN'T HOUSE EXHIBITS

Two Big U. S. Government Exhibits Alone Will Take Up Practically All of Exhibition Hall— May Have to Use Big Tents

The Elizabeth City Fair will be held just one month from today and with only a month left within which to work the Fair Association now finds that it has not room to house all of the exhibits that will be brought to the fair. The Secretary of the Association is now trying to secure the loan of a big tent from the Chautauqua Association for the farm machinery exhibits, leaving the big exhibition hall for government exhibits and home departments.

Two government exhibits have been secured for the Elizabeth City Fair. One of these is purely educational, showing what the government is doing for the farmer. It contains hundreds of wonderful pictures in panels and scores of working models of things. It occupies 4,000 feet of floor space and is an exhibition which has in itself attracted great crowds in the larger cities of the country where it has been shown.

The other government exhibit is of a military nature and shows the various types of guns, mortars, rifles hand grenades, shrapnel, etc., etc. used in modern warfare.

Besides these intensely interesting government exhibits there will be an immense exhibit by the International Harvester Co. and exhibits by many farm machinery, tractor, truck and automobile manufacturers.

The farm, home, orchard and dairy exhibits this year promise to be thoroughly representative of northeastern North Carolina. Farm and home demonstration agents in several counties are co-operating to make a real district showing of the products of farms and homes.

Larger purses are attracting more and more horses for the races and Secretary L. D. Case gives us his word that the races at the November Fair will far exceed any ever pulled off in this section of the state.

In meantime there has been no neglect of amusement features. Sibley's Shows, said to be even larger and better than when exhibited here last summer, have leased the midway and will furnish amusement a plenty for those who like that side of the fair.

In addition to the Sibley Shows there will be several new and sensational fire attractions. There will be daily balloon ascensions, entirely different from any balloon ascensions ever seen in this part of the country.

Other free attractions will include new and marvelous double-trapeze work and a 500 foot slide for life daily in front of the grand stand.

And one mustn't forget the daylight fireworks, the first ever shown here and said to be even more thrilling and wonderful than fire works at night. Daylight fireworks, costing hundreds of dollars will be shown in front of the grand stand daily.

There will be five days of the fair: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

NOTICE! ADVERTISERS!

The volume of advertising carried by this newspaper is constantly increasing. It is not advisable as yet to increase the size of this paper. We are endeavoring to keep it down to 12 pages, which is the average home paper. This means that from week to week we are compelled to turn down advertising copy that comes in as late as Wednesday. Advertisers who want space in this newspaper are urged to get their copy into this office on Monday or Tuesday of the week of publication when possible. When not possible to do this, kindly arrange for space to be held for you. And for the love of Mike, don't ask us "When do you go to press?" We would never go to press if every advertiser waited until press day to bring his copy in.

(advertisement)

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COMMUNITY FAIR
at Epworth
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14.

DR. HAYWOOD TO LECTURE SUNDAY

Eminent New York Evangelist to be Heard by Elizabeth City Audience

Dr. Oscar Haywood, Evangelist at Large of the Calvary Baptist Church of New York City will deliver his famous lecture, "The Criminal and his Makers," at the Alkrama Theater in this city at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Oct. 12. No admission will be charged.

Dr. Haywood is in North Carolina under the exclusive direction of the Society for the Abolition of the Death Penalty. He comes to Elizabeth City thru the influence of W. O. Saunders whose fight for the abolition of capital punishment, in the General Assembly of North Carolina, last winter, attracted the attention of liberal minded men and women in all parts of the country.

A great treat is in store for those who hear Dr. Haywood. He is one of America's greatest entertainers. The News & Observer says of him: "Much of his lecture is heavy dramatics, and but for the absence of the footlights it would have been easy to imagine the great Richard Mansfield in a heavy role."

While the lecture at the Alkrama Sunday will be without charge, a free will offering will be taken at the close of the lecture for the purpose of furthering the work of the society under whose auspices Dr. Haywood is lecturing.

Out of town readers of this newspaper who would like to hear Dr. Haywood Sunday will have seats held for them if application is made promptly to W. O. Saunders. Gallery seats will be provided ministers, teachers and professional men of the colored race.

Mrs. Bob Askew will sing one or more of her favorite operatic selections for the benefit of the audience that will turn out Sunday afternoon to hear Dr. Haywood. Mrs. Askew consented to be used on Sunday afternoon's program, spite of the fact that she will sing at a religious service the same afternoon. Thus an added treat is in store for those who attend the meeting in the Alkrama Theater Sunday. Mrs. Askew will be accompanied by S. Glover Winter, pianist.

INLAND NAVIGATION CO. OFFERING STOCK

Announcement Elsewhere in This Newspaper Will Interest All Shippers and Receivers

The Inland Navigation Co., whose plans for operating a fleet of shallow draft freight boats in the inland waters of North Carolina and Virginia have been previously noted in this newspaper, are making their first offering of stock.

The proposition of this Inland Navigation Co. as outlined in their advertisement in this newspaper should interest every receiver and shipper of freight in northeastern North Carolina and should appeal strongly to investors.

The plans of this company are so practicable and the possibilities so unlimited that little difficulty should be encountered in disposing of every share of stock offered. More than a million tons of perishable freight alone are moved annually in this section and existing rail road facilities are entirely inadequate. There is a harvest here for water borne carriers.

YOUR OWN ADV. CAN GO INTO OVER 3,000 HOMES

If you have something to sell, try a classified ad in THE INDEPENDENT. These little ads cost you only a cent a word for each insertion. No ad taken for less than 25 cents. One of these little ads will go into 3,000 or more homes right here in northeastern North Carolina. Among all the readers of this newspaper in the counties of Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Perquimans, Gates, and in Norfolk county, Va. where hundreds of North Carolinians are now living, there is some one who wants the farm, the woodland, the horse, the mule, the cow, the farming implement, or whatever you have to sell. And if you want any of these things, a little ad in this paper will find it for you. The classified ads in this paper are bringing money into hundreds of folks who use them. If you don't use them, you are the loser. Try one.

And They Too Will Soon Pass On SAUNDERS RAPS WILSON'S FOLLY

Tells Farmers They Will Have Some Big Bills To Pay

W. O. Saunders, speaking to a farmer audience at Jackson, Northampton county, Monday afternoon took a whack at the League of Nations, among other things, and didn't get egged or run out of the county. Northampton is a Democratic county, but is an agricultural county. No where do the farmers seem to feel kindly to the League of Nations.

Mr. Saunders was speaking under the auspices of the American Cotton Association. He pointed out to his farmer audience the increasing needs of the farmer for greater revenue. The modern standard of living requires more money; the modern state with its improved roads, advanced education, sanitation and social service requires more money. "And don't forget," said the speaker "that your national government requires you to dig harder than ever before since President Wilson has determined to make the world safe for French and British imperialism."

The speaker explained: "We went into the Great War to make the world safe for democracy. But since President Wilson abandoned his fourteen points for this imperialistic thing called a League of Nations we find that we are to be burdened with an expensive militarism. The Secretary of War demands a standing army of 576,000 men. Mr. Joseph Daniels demands a navy second to none. We are maintaining troops on the Mexican border, troops in Russia and troops in Germany. We are even now almost secretly organizing an army to send to Poland. Our sailors and marines are mixing in Italy. I will not be surprised to see American troops in China in less than twelve months. We are threatened with compulsory military training and permanent conscription. All of this will cost billions and it will come out of the pockets of you, the productive class of this nation. And so I say to you farmers, organize, organize, organize! Without organization you can not hope to compete with the other organized classes of society and pay the bills of modern civilization."

IS YOUR COUNTY AS BAD AS THIS AVERAGE?

It Probably Is—Half of Us Don't Know How The Other Half Lives

The following cold facts, set forth in a report from what may be termed an average county in the Southern Division of the Red Cross, made by a Home Service worker, indicate with merciless plainness the need for that service as planned under the peace-time program of the Red Cross.

The number of cases on file—needing Home Service attention was 302. Children needing institutional and probationary care numbers 70. Of these, half have been well placed in homes, orphanages, schools, hospitals and colleges, as their need indicated and the opportunity arose. The children came to their unhappy situation principally thru poverty and disease, though the death of one or the other parent also contributed a large quota.

On the uglier side of the picture, the worker reported four "incorrigible" girls and fourteen unmarried mothers, the principal cause of their waywardness and misfortune, being lack of proper recreation. Nine children were reported as never having been to school, their ages ranging from 8 to 18. Seven children were in dire need of hospital treatment, two others were dumb, and three were paralytic. Six were blind and six imbecile. Fifty adults were found illiterate. One family had a tragic epidemic of suicide, four persons killing themselves.

FAIR AT FDRK SCHOOL

A Community Fair in which the school and Calvary Baptist Church, will be held at Fork School next Wednesday, October 15. Approximately \$200 in premiums will be given for the best products of the section displayed at the fair. The general public is cordially invited to be present, and a Fair worthy of the progressive community in which it is to be held is promised.



AT a recent re-union of Currituck veterans of all wars, held at Moyock, the northern metropolis of that county, only six veterans of the Civil War answered to the roll call. In a few years not a single survivor of that great struggle will remain. THE INDEPENDENT's camera snapped the half dozen Confederate Veterans at Moyock. They are, from left to right, Sylvester Hill, J. F. Gray, J. L. DeCarmis, T. H. Fulford, J. J. Morse and Noah Gray.

USED Y. M. C. A. FOR UNUSUAL PURPOSE

And Then When Arrested he Took Leg Bail. Only to be Caught Again

A sailor, whose name could not be learned when THE INDEPENDENT was going to press, was arrested on Cedar street Thursday, charged with spending the previous night in the Y. M. C. A. with a woman who was not his wife. He was taken by an officer to the office of the Chief of Police on the second story of the City Hall, and when left alone in the room for a few minutes, succeeded in making his escape, either by jumping from the window, or by sliding down the water pipe on the side of the building. The fugitive was caught at Shawboro, ten miles distant a few hours later.

A CALL FOR 80,000 CENSUS ENUMERATORS

Sixty Men Wanted For The First N. C. District by Oct. 15.

The Director of the Census, Hon. Sam. L. Rogers, announces that 80,000 enumerators will be needed to take the next census. The work begins on January 2 and will last about two weeks in cities, and a month or more in rural districts. Rates of pay will vary, depending upon the locality and character of the district to be canvassed. The average pay per enumerator at the census of 1910 was about \$70. At this coming census it will probably be not less than \$100.

"Active, intelligent, and reliable men, and women, not less than 18 years of age, are needed for this task," said Director Rogers, "and, in a sense, this is a call for volunteers. The importance of a complete and reliable census, especially in these critical times when more than ever before perhaps we need complete data regarding population, conditions, tendencies, and resources, can hardly be over emphasized. The reorganization of the social and economic structure and the readjustment of international relations necessitated by the War must be based on accurate knowledge if we are to act wisely and deal justly with all classes and all interests. It is hoped, therefore, that public-spirited energetic people throughout the country will volunteer to act as census enumerators even though they may not care for the positions so far as the pay is concerned. I should be sorry to think, and I do not believe, that all our patriotism was used up by the War and none left over for public service in times of peace."

Lloyd J. Lawrence, Supervisor of the Census for the First District of N. C., which includes the counties of Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Pasquotank and Perquimans, states that he will need about 60 enumerators for this district. Applications or requests for application forms should be sent to him on or before October 15. His address is Murfreesboro, N. C. As a test of their fitness for the work applicants will be required to fill out a sample schedule and will be duly notified of the time and place for this test. So far as practicable the place selected will be one which is easily accessible.

MORAL—DON'T BORROW
A man who was too stingy to subscribe to his home paper sent his little boy to borrow the copy taken by a neighbor. In his haste the boy ran over a stand of bees and in ten minutes looked like a warty summer squash. His father ran to his assistance, and failing to notice the barb wire fence, ran into that, cutting a hole in his anatomy and ruining a \$5 pair of trousers. The old cow took advantage of the gap in the fence and got into the corn field and killed herself eating green corn. Hearing a racket, the wife ran out, upset a four-gallon churn full of cream into a basket of little chickens, drowning the entire hatch. In her haste she dropped a \$35 set of false teeth. The baby, having been left alone, crawled down the milk into the parlor, ruining a brand-new \$25 carpet. During the excitement the oldest daughter ran away with the hired man, the dog broke up 11 eggs, and the calves got out and chewed the tails of four fine shirts on the clothes line.—Scribner (Ky.) Banner.

CHOWAN TO HAVE ITS BIGGEST FAIR

And Edenton Will Greet Fair Visitors With 9 Miles of Asphalt Streets

Edenton's several miles of pretty asphalt street pavement which have just been completed is one reason why The Chowan Fair Association will have the largest crowds and biggest fair in its history. All automobilists will be delighted with the smooth rides, Edenton's streets now delight one with.

The Chowan Fair Association holds its biggest and best fair at Edenton, N. C., the last four days in October, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st. The Fair will have many attractions of interest. Several Thousand Dollars in Cash Prizes, Big Live Stock and Poultry Shows, Wonderful Farm Exhibits, Brass Band Music and Free Exhibition amusements twice daily, and fire works at night.

A Community Home Coming Celebration will be held on the first day of the Fair. In connection with this, a Committee is working on plans with the Government to have Airplanes, Dirigibles, Submarines and Chasers on exhibition. All soldiers and sailors in uniform will be admitted to the Fair and be served dinner free on this day.

11,516 BURIED ACRES TO GO ON TAX BOOKS

That is The Increase in Only Three Townships in Pasquotank Under Revaluation

With only three of the six townships in Pasquotank county heard from, a total of 11,516 acres of land heretofore not listed for taxation will go on the tax books in 1920 as a result of the revaluation now under way. For years this vast acreage has paid no taxes; in many cases the owners willfully withheld this property from the tax assessors.

The increased acreage on the tax books of Pasquotank County to date is as follows:

Providence Township 394.12 acs.
M. Herman Township 9,339.76 acs.
Newland Township 1,782.67 acs.

Total increase in acres to date 11,516.55

CAMDEN HOLDS FIRST COUNTY FAIR TO-DAY

Able Organization Backs First Showing of Camden's Agricultural Resources

Camden County's first community fair will be held at Camden Court House to-day, Friday, Oct. 10. This fair has been organized by John Nyegaard, Camden's enterprising farm demonstration agent. The president of the fair is H. C. Ferebee. The committee on entertainment and decorations is composed of Mrs. Ruth Brown, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. F. A. Robertson and Miss I. L. Knight. The committee on arrangement and amusement is composed of Mrs. T. C. Sawyer and Miss Mary Stevens. The committee on premiums is composed of Mrs. P. W. Stevens and Miss Essie Ferebee. With this able organization Camden promises to put over something unusual in the way of a community fair.

A PARALLEL IN ELEVEN

Has the Bible a bearing on the ending of the great world war?
The Armistice was signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. The 11th verse of the 11th chapter of the 11th book of the Bible (1 Kings) reads as follows:
Wherefore, the Lord said unto Solomon, forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant, and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely send the kingdom from thee and will give it to thy servant."

SEE THE FORKS COMMUNITY FAIR
Forks School
THURSDAY, OCT. 15.

ONCE THE TOWN'S BAD BOY NOW SHOUTING FOR JESUS

The Return of Bob Askew To Elizabeth City After Absence of 25 Years Also Discloses an Interesting Romance

HURT BY U-BOAT NOW IN CITY JAIL

Charles B. White, Once a Sailor, Had Thrilling Experience in Great World War

A survivor of a battle with a German submarine in the World War is now occupying a cell in the Elizabeth City jail. He is Charles B. White, 49 years old, originally from Creswell, but who for 25 years or more has wandered about from place to place all over the world, working at one thing or another, and never remaining anywhere very long at the time. He is now being held pending trial on a charge of obtaining money on false pretense, and the case will probably be disposed of the latter part of this week.

White is not prepossessing in appearance. He is tall, lean and hollow-eyed, with a look of a man who has lost the last vestige of hope in the future, and for whom life is a drab monotony. He bears a long scar on the top of his head which he says is the result of an accidental blow from an axe in the hands of a careless negro at a Government cantonment, at which he was doing construction work. This wound, he declares, continues to cause him pain at frequent intervals, and he blames frequent lapses of memory upon it.

In 1917, according to White's story, he was a sailor on the merchant ship "Warrior", a German-owned ship taken by the British early in the War, which was one of a convoy of 24 ships laden with munitions and supplies, bound from Newport News and New York for Liverpool, England. When nearing the latter port, the "Warrior" was attacked by a U-boat, which fired a torpedo into her, amidships, and rose to the surface, shelling the bridge and superstructure immediately thereafter. One of the big ship's eight boilers blew up, being thrown completely out of the hull by the force of the explosion, and White was severely injured in the arm by a flying fragment of steel. The "Warrior" went to the bottom, and White was among those rescued after the U-boat had submerged. Other submarines were encountered, and of the original convoy of 24 ships which left the United States, 21 reached Liverpool, one of these with her bows smashed in. The other three vessels were sunk by the Germans.

White, who, according to his account, married an Elizabeth City girl some years ago, came here three weeks ago from Georgia, and was living with his step-daughter in the cotton mill section when he was arrested, the arrest, according to general report, being in connection with the recent store-breaking on South Road street. A number of years ago he was employed by the Norfolk Southern Railroad here, and he has since been a sailor and a laborer in many different parts of the world. He was to have been tried Wednesday, but on the way to the Court House he fell out in a sort of fit, and the trial was postponed. The police seemed inclined to believe that White is trying to "play off" crazy.

White was tried in recorder's court Thursday morning, and found guilty of attempting to commit felony. He was fined \$25, and an appeal was noted by his attorney.

CAUGHT 9 FOOT SHARK IN THEIR POUND NET

Tom and J. H. Wright, caught a nine foot shark in a pound net in Albemarle Sound near Great Shoal, a few days ago. They thought that they had captured a big sturgeon when they first discovered the fish in their net. The shark was taken from the net with great difficulty, putting up a stiff fight until killed. The shark measured nine feet from head to tail, was five feet and one inch in circumference and measured four feet five inches from tip to tip of side fins. Its mouth measured 12 inches.

DR. HAYWOOD TO PREACH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Oscar Haywood, evangelist at large of Calvary Baptist Church, New York City, will fill the pulpit at the First Baptist Church in this city Sunday morning. Dr. Haywood lectures at the Alkrama theatre Sunday afternoon. Dr. Henry K. Williams, the new pastor who comes to First Baptist Church next Sunday will deliver his first sermon Sunday night in order to give over the pulpit Sunday morning to the imminent New York divine.

Mr. Winter is the southpaw of the piano. He plays any hymn called for, with his left hand, putting in variations with his right. Bob Askew and his party will be here all this week. There is a suggestion that they will stay another week if the old town responds to their efforts.

Elizabeth City has to have something out of the ordinary on the boards every seven days and this week it is Bob Askew. Twenty five years ago there lived in this town a hard-drinking, hard swearing, hard-hitting, free loving, gambling, boisterous, mischievous, dare-devil, happy-go-lucky fellow by the name of Bob Askew.

After an absence of a quarter of a century this boy whose escapades are well remembered by all the older heads comes back to his home town as the Rev. Bob. H. Askew and starts a religious revival in the very Court House. And the Rev. Robt. Askew brings back with him to Elizabeth City, one of the most talented and charming women to have visited Elizabeth City in many a day. The woman is his wife. She was the daughter of a well known New York physician a grand-niece of President Hays and was an operatic prima donna before her marriage to Bob Askew in November 1918.

How Bob Askew got religion and got Mrs. Askew is a long story full of all sorts of romance. And so Elizabeth City is turning out to hear Bob Askew preach and to hear Mrs. Askew sing. And there are no disappointments. They are, both, delivering the goods.

For many years after leaving Elizabeth City Bob Askew wandered all over the globe. He has traveled all over the United States and Canada. He says he may not have gathered any moss at this rolling stone business, but he did acquire some polish. He worked first at one thing and then at another, always bettering his lot and becoming a more substantial citizen as he went along.

In 1912 he was working for a big contracting firm in New York City and his employer gave a dinner to a party of seventeen of his most favored employees. The party was at a palatial home on Fifth Avenue. Bob was in the party. Now Fifth Avenue dinner parties always call for high class entertainment and the entertainer of that particular party was Miss Lenora E. Wyatt, operatic prima donna, whose stage name was Baby Lenora. Bob was charmed by Baby Lenora and her songs.

The next day his boss asked him what he thought of the little prima donna. "I think she's out of sight!" declared Bob. "Well, she ought to be," said the rich man; "I paid her \$250 for the twenty minutes she gave us last night."

"Do you mean to say she gets \$250 for singing 20 minutes as she did last night?"

"That's what she gets," declared Bob Askew; "You've said enough," declared Bob Askew; "That's my woman! I'm going to marry her or bust."

Bob told the story here in the shop of THE INDEPENDENT the other morning. He said it took him seven years to make good his boast and his ambition. He says he wrote the Baby Lenora seventeen notes before he got an answer to one; and that answer was not at all satisfactory. Bob says he followed her all over the United States. Reunion is closely related to or intertwined with sexual emotions.

About two years after his first meeting with Baby Lenora Bob was preaching. They put him in a country church at Dillsboro, up in the hills of western North Carolina. He was too big for the church and they made him an evangelist for that mountain field. It wasn't long before Bob cut loose from his limited charge and became an evangelist at large, going after lost souls wherever the harvest seemed to be ripe. In meantime he continued to pursue the charming woman of his dreams.

It's a long, long story and the upshot of it was that Baby Lenora also got religion and then Bob came into his own. They were married at Hot Springs, Ark. last November. Miss Wyatt gave up her promising operatic career and joined hands with the persistent Bob in spreading the gospel to which each had become attached.

Of course, during all these strenuous years, Bob has been thinking about his old home. When a fellow begins to get along in the world his thoughts always go back to the land of his nativity. He can't keep away from it. He is drawn by an irresistible impulse, as a murderer is drawn to the scene of his crime, or as a fish to its spawning grounds. And so, unheralded save by a few announcements Bob Askew is back in his old home town preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ as he has found it and trying to convince the fellows that it pays to get good. It has in Bob's case.

Besides Mrs. Askew who so ably assists him with her solo work, Rev. Mr. Askew has an able concert pianist in his party in the person of S. G. Winter.